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1. SUMMARY. TRUDEAU DEPARTS OTTAWA FEBRUARY 26 TO VISIT THE HAGUE, BONN, ROME, THE VATICAN, LONDON AND DUBLIN, RETURNING TO OTTAWA MARCH 15. UNLIKE LAST FALL'S VISIT TO PARIS AND BRUSSELS, AIMED SPECIFICALLY AT NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH FRANCE AND DISCUSSIONS OF "CONTRACTUAL LINK" WITH EEC, CONVERSATIONS ON THIS TRIP WILL BE MORE IN THE NATURE OF TOURS D'HORIZON. HOWEVER, EXTAFF OFFICIALS SAY TRUDEAU HAS BY NO MEANS ABANDONED INTENTION OF ESTABLISHING SOME FORM OF INSTITUTIONAL TIES WITH EEC, AND WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BILATERAL MEETINGS TO PRESS FORWARD. OTHER SUBJECTS OF INTEREST WILL INCLUDE WORLD TRADE AND TRANSFER OF RESOURCES, RELATIONS WITH LDC'S AND NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. TRUDEAU WILL URGE NPT RATIFICATION BY ITALY AND OTHERS OF EURATOM FIVE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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END SUMMARY.

- 2. TRUDEAU'S ITINERARY INCLUDES THE HAGUE FEB. 27-28, SKIING NEAR MUNICH MARCH 1-2, BONN MARCH 3-5, ROME MARCH 5-6, THE VATICAN MARCH 7, SKIING AT CORTINA MARCH 8-9, LONDON MARCH 10-13, AND DUBLIN MARCH 14-15. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY ABOUT 20 PERSONS INCLUDING JEAN-JACQUES BLAIS, LIBERAL M.P., IVAN HEAD, SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND JOHN HALSTEAD, DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY, MICHEL DUPUY, ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY, AND E.P. BLACK, DIRECTOR GENERAL EUROPEAN AFFAIRS OF EXTAFF. MRS. TRUDEAU AT PRESENT DOES NOT PLAN TO ACCOMPANY.
- 3. TRUDEAU'S TRIP LAST FALL WAS FIRST TO WESTERN EUROPE (EXCEPT UK) SINCE HIS FIRST ELECTION IN 1968. OFFICIALS MAKE NO SECRET OF HIS EARLIER RELUCTANCE TO VISIT OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES UNTIL RELATIONSHIP WITH FRANCE HAD BEEN NORMALIZED, WHICH WAS PRIMARY PURPOSE OF VISIT OT PARIS. THAT SYMBOLIC HURDLE CLEARED, HE IS ANXIOUS TO DEVELOP CLOSER AND MORE PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH OTHER EUROPEAN LEADERS, AND POSSIBLY SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED AT DELAY IN DOING SO. CLOSER RELATIONS WITH EUROPE ARE ESSENTIAL FACTOR IN CANADA'S PURSUIT OF "THIRD OPTION," TO DIVERSIFY RELATIONSHIPS AND REDUCE VULNERABILITY TO U.S.
  THIS TRIP WILL THEREFORE ALSO BE OF SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE, AND EXTAFF SUGGEST THERE WILL BE HEAVY ROUND OF SOCIAL AND CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS.
- 4. TALKS WITH EUROPEAN COUNTERPARTS WILL PERFORCE BE TOURS D'HORIZON, PARTICULARLY SINCE IN SEVERAL INSTANCES IT WILL BE FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR TRUDEAU TO MEET THEM. HOWEVER, EXTAFF REPORTS TRUDEAU IS ANXIOUS MOVE FORWARD BILATERALLY TO REINFORCE CANADIAN OVERTURES FOR SOME FORM OF INSTITUTIONAL LINKAGE WITH THE EEC. THOUGH FORMAL TRADE AGREEMENT APPEARS UNOBTAINABLE, AT LEAST FOR PRESENT, GOC HAS NOT ABANDONED INTEREST, AND TRUDEAU WILL EXPLORE OTHER OPTIONS, PERHAPS A DECLARATION OF INTENT OR OTHER PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING. AGAIN, GOC'S PRINCIPAL PURPOSE IS NOT ECONOMIC BUT RECOGNITION OF CANADIAN SEPARATE IDENTITY IN NORTH AMERICAN CONTEXT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. TRUDEAU, WHO ENJOYS THEORETICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL EXCHANGES, WILL WISH TALK IN GENERAL WAY ABOUT GLOBAL PROBLEMS, TRANSFER OF RESOURCES, RELATIONS WITH LDC'S, WORLD MONETARY PROBLEMS, ETC., NOT WITH SOLUTIONS IN MIND, BUT SIMPLY TO EXCHANGE IDEAS. ONE AREA IN WHICH HE FEELS PARTICULARLY STRONGLY IS NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. CANADA IS STILL SMARTING AS RESULT INDIAN NUCLEAR

EXPLOSION, AND INTERESTED IN ENFORCING AND STRENGTHENING IAEA SAFEGUARDS. HE HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN NPT REVIEW CONFERENCES, AND EXTAFF DISARMAMENT OFFICIALS EXPECT HE WILL BE FORCEFUL IN URGING NPT RATIFICATION WITHOUT QUALIFICATION FOR ITALY, AND FINAL ACCESSION BY OTHERS OF EURATOM FIVE.

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